Year	Production
1997-98	3.68 (advance estimates)
1998-99	4.45 (rough estimates)

(SOURCE Ministry of Agriculture, Deptt, of Agriculture & Cooperation)

No reliable estimates of demand of onions are available.

(d) The value of exports of onion during 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Value
1995-96	230.72
1996-97	265.21
1997-98*	202.45
1998-99* (April '98 — Aug. '98)	117.22

(SOURCE: DGCI&S, Calcutta *Provisional)

Performance of Exports in Different Sectors

778. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to statt:

(a) how far exports in different sectors have picked up since the package to kick-start stalled exports was declared on August 5, 1998 indicating the sector-wise performance, month to month and the comparative figures for the preceding six months;

(b) what is the overall assessment of export performance with respect to different global markets and major countries importing Indian goods; and

(c) how far the package has proved successful in preventing the adverse impact of the sanctions imposed by the 'G8' countries in the aftermath of N-Tests conducted by India and Pakistan in May, '98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) Sector-wise performance for the months before and after the package was announced is enclosed statement-I *(see* below). Details of commodity-wise exports quantity and value are available in the monthly and annual publications of the statistics published by DGCI&S, Calcutta, which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) Our exports to major regions of the world for April-August, 1998 is enclosed at Statement-II *(see* below).

(c) It is too early to judge the impact of the package announced in August. No. major impact on merchandise trade has been felt on account of sanctions so far.

Statement-I

Sectoral Performance after the announcement of the Scheme to resurrect export trade. (Rate of growth over the corresponding period for 1997)

	Major Sector	Growth			
		April—June 98		April—August 98	
		(US$)	(Rupees)	(US$)	(Rupees)
1.	Plantation	13.61 -15.54	29.40 -	22.49 -	42.01
2.	Agri & allied	-6.36	3.80	1.05	14.72
3.	Marine products		6.65	6.14	23.06

	Major Sector	Growth			
		April—June 98 (US$)	(Rupees)	April— (US$)	August 98 (Rupees)
4.	Ores & minerals	-37.12	-28.38	-29.72	-18.52
5.	Leathers *& tain.*	-12.61	-0.47	-5.25	9.85
6.	Gems & Jewellery	17,65	34.01	15.95	34.43
7.	Chemical & related products	-9.71	2.84	-3.58	11.79
8.	Engineering goods	-11.78	0.48	-15.27	-1.76
9.	Electronic goods	-60.37	-54.86	-34.19	-23.71
10.	Textiles	-17.29	-5.79	-7.55	7.19
	TOTAL	-8.04	4.75	-1.98	13.64

Statement-II

Exports by Major Regions and Countries: April—August, 1998-99

Countries/Regions	*US $ Million*	
	Apr—Aug. 1998-99	*Percentag Growth*
1. WEST EUROPE	3798.63	-4.07
(a) ECM Countries	3431.94	-3.23
Belgium	542.71	27.83
FRG	720.96	-10.15
United Kingdom	731.85	-17.40
//. ASIA AND OCEANIA	4517.90	-14.32
Hongkong	694.68	-17.36
Japan	647.68	-16.26
United Arab Emirates	681.27	26.93
///. AFRICA	797.06	12.60
IV. AMERICA	3514.29	10.67
(a) North America	3231.00	10.71
U.S.A.	3034.71	10.56
(b) South America	187.74	4.24
V. EAST EUROPE	476.05	5.69
Russia	323.43	-0.45
GRAND TOTAL	13498.29	-1.98

SOURCE: DGCJ&S Calcutta